

NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Project Title: National Beef Brawley Wastewater Pre-Treatment Facility Closure Project

State Clearinghouse Number: 2014101007

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Project Location: 57 East Shank Road, Brawley California
Riverside County

Project Description: The proposed project is for the closure of the wastewater pre-treatment facility (WWPT) at the National Beef California, LP beef processing plant in Brawley, California. In May 2014, National Beef ceased all beef processing at its Brawley facility. The WWTP system has and will continue to operate at decreasing levels during the approximately four-year Closure Project until it is complete. The Project does not include any new construction or the installation of any new process or control equipment.

Finding: The Regional Water Board has reviewed an Initial Study, prepared by Trinity Consultants, of the project described above and has determined that the proposed Project will not have a significant effect on the environment. A copy of the Initial Study that supports this finding is attached.

Mitigation Measures: Based on the conclusions provided in the attached Initial Study, the project will not have a significant effect on the environment. Therefore, no mitigation measures are required